

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 05201 051925Z

65

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
----- 065121

R 051623Z APR 76

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2116

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 5201

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-4

TAGS: PINT, SREF, UR

SUBJ: VIKTOR FEYERMARK

REF: STATE 77390 (NOTAL)

1. REPORT OF CONGRESSMAN MAGUIRE'S CONSTITUENTS IS ESSENTIALLY CORRECT. FEYERMARK AND ANOTHER COUPLE INDEED SCUFFLED WITH A GROUP OF PEOPLE STANDING IN A TAXI QUEUE, LATE AT NIGHT WHEN THE FEYERMARK PARTY (ADMITTEDLY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL) HAD COME OUT OF THE UKRAINE HOTEL. FEYERMARK AND HIS TWO COMPANIONS TOOK THE TAXI BUT WERE STOPPED SHORTLY THEREAFTER BY THE POLICE. RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF THE SCUFFLE, THEY DISCOVERED THAT ONE OF THE PEOPLE STANDING IN THE LINE HAD DIED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AN AUTOPSY OF THE DEAD MAN PROVED THAT HE SUFFERED FROM A DEGENERATIVE HEART CONDITION AND COULD HAVE DIED AT ANY MOMENT. FEYERMARK WAS HELD IN PRISON FOR THREE OF FOUR DAYS, THEN RELEASED AND TOLD THAT WHILE HE COULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH MANSALUGHTER THERE WAS, IN ACT, NO INTENTION TO DO SO.

2. FEYERMARK WAS RE-ARRESTED IN JANUARY (HE HAS BEEN IN PRISON SINCE) AND THE INVESTIGATION, WE GATHER, NOW POINTS TO A CHARGE OF MANSALUGHTER. HIS COMPANIONS HAVE BEEN LEFT AT LIBERTY, AND TOLD THAT NEITHER WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF ANY CHARGE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCIDENT.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 05201 051925Z

3. FEYERMARK'S WIFE AND DAUGHTER ARE NOW IN THE U.S.

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN. MRS. FEYERMARK MAY HAVE
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING HER HUSBAND'S PRESENT
SITUATION.

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY THE AUTHORITIES HAVE
CHOSEN TO PROCEED AGAINST FEYERMARK RATHER THAN AGAINST
THE OTHER COUPLE WHO, LIKE FEYERMARK, ARE LONG TERM REFUSE-
NIKS. IT IS TRUE THAT FEYERMARK, A CHEMIST BY TRAINING,
ONCE DID RESEARCH ON ROCKET PROPELLANTS, WHILE THE OTHER
MAN (MIKHAIL TORELK, A SINOLOGUE) OCCUPIED A MUCH LESS
SENSITIVE POSITION. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE STORY,
EACH WAS AS MUCH INVOLVED IN THE SCUFFLE AS THE OTHER.
SIMILARLY, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY SOVIET AUTHORITIES, HAVING
FIRST RELEASED FEYERMARK, DECIDED SUBSEQUENTLY TO RE-ARREST
HIM. SOME SOURCES IN THE JEWISH DISSIDENT COMMUNITY FEEL
THAT IS IS A SOVIET EFFORT TO DISCREDIT JEWISH DISSIDENTS BY
EQUATING THEM WITH ORDINARY CRIMINALS. OTHER SOURCES,
HOWEVER, TAKE THE POSITION THAT FEYERMARK, DESPAIRING
OF EVER RECEIVING PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE THROUGH
ORDINARY MEANS, WAS NOT SORRY AT HIS ARREST AND WAS
HOPING TO SPARK A CAMPAIGN IN THE WEST TO SECURE
HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON AND EXPULSION FROM THE SOVIET
UNION. WE NOTE THAT WHILE THE SECOND HYPOTHESIS IS
COMMONLY HELD IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY HERE, FEYERMARK
IS NOT UNIVERSALLY LIKED WITHIN MUSCOVITE JEWISH
DISSIDENT CIRCLES. HE STRIKES US AS AN UNUSUALLY
CALM AND SENSIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD BE QUITE UNLIKELY
DELIBERATELY TO PROVOKE HIS ARREST ON SUCH A SERIOUS
CHARGE.
STOESSEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DETENTION, EXTREMISTS, DISSIDENT FACTIONS, POLITICAL PRISONERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 05 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976MOSCOW05201
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X4
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760128-0224
From: MOSCOW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760497/aaaadfas.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 76 STATE 77390
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 MAY 2004 by CollinP0>; APPROVED <02 SEP 2004 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VIKTOR FEYERMARK
TAGS: PINT, SREF, UR, (FEYERMARK, VIKTOR)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006